

## **Edition 93, Aug. 7, 2009**

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### **Paving resumes on Mount Baker Highway**

Crews will be back on the road this week as they continue repairing and repaving a [19-mile stretch of Mount Baker Highway](#) (SR 542). This week, crews will be working between Sand Road and Nugents Corner.

Expect to [see crews on the road](#) from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, through Thursday, Aug. 13. Crews will close one lane near the Sand Road intersection to repair and repave the road. Crews will also be repairing the road from Nugents Corner north on SR 9. During the grinding and excavating work, drivers and motorcyclists should prepare for rough roads.

### **Traffic switch planned at SR 539/Pole Road roundabout**

You're less than a day away from driving on the east side of the [new Pole Road roundabout](#). Crews will [switch traffic](#) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

The switch doesn't mean that the intersection is completely open. E. and W. Pole roads are still closed at their intersections with SR 539 (Guide Meridian). Drivers will only be able to travel north and south through the east side of the roundabout.

Once traffic is switched to the east, crews will begin work on the west side of the new roundabout. Expect to see crews demolishing and removing the existing road, grading the area, setting forms and preparing to pave the base layer of asphalt.

### **Around-the-clock lane closures set for SR 9 near Martin Road**

If you're headed south into Skagit County this week, you'll want to be prepared for around-the-clock lane closures on SR9 just south of the Skagit/Whatcom county line.

Crews will [close one lane around the clock](#) on SR 9 near Martin Road starting Monday morning, Aug. 10. Crews are preparing to switch traffic to the new section of roadway near the railroad crossing. Both lanes will reopen to traffic by 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14.

During the around-the-clock closure, crews will install new drainage, grind and remove sections of the old roadway, and build transitional sections between the new roadway lanes and the existing roadway.

Drivers can expect delays of up to 15 minutes next week if they travel through the area. Flaggers and a pilot car will direct traffic through the work zone, but drivers should be alert to construction vehicles entering and leaving the area.

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